1	2
Rajasthan	144·1
Sikkim	4·7
Uttar Pradesh	23·9
West Bengal	0·5
All India	2365·3

Fertilizer pricing system

2284. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dual pricing system for fertiliser has been implemented in Andhra Pradesh; if so, what is the procedure; and

(b) the number of small and marginal farmers likely to be benefited by this scheme; and the amount spent so far districtwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The State Government has not so far begun implementation of the scheme on Fertiliser Subsidy for small and marginal farmers.

Production of pulses in Madhya Pradesh

2285. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Madhya Pradesh plays a significant role in the production of pulses in the country;

(b) if so, what is the annual total contribution by the State in this regard; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to increase the production of pulses in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pulses production in Madhya Pradesh reached 2.5 million tonnes in 1989-90, about 20 per cent of the total pulse production in the country.

(c) The Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP) is being implemented which cover assistance for multiplication and dstribution of seeds, frontline and general demonstrations, plant protection measures, supply of improved farm implements and distribution of rhyzobium culture.

A Special foodgrain Production Programme for Pulses has also been taken up for control of pests and for encouraging cultivation of summer-pulses.

Delhi Milk Scheme

2286. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Milk Scheme have made payments worth 4 crore of rupees to bogus cooperative societies during the past few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is resentment amongst workers of Delhi Milk Scheme because of such payments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) The arrear payments made to Delhi Milk Cooperative Societies by Delhi Milk Scheme during the last few years are as under:—